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AP Photo
Despite handcuffs attached to a waist chain Patty Hearst gives a clenched-fist salute yesterday

Almost 50% stay home

Transit walkout drains schools

By MARINA STRAUSS
of The Gazette

With contract negotiations between the MUC Transit Commission and its 2,150 strikers continuing at a snail's pace, Montreal Island school boards reported yesterday up to 50-per-cent absentee rates at some schools.

The Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC), the province's largest board with 175,000 students, reported 50 per cent of children at its Riviere des Prairies elementary schools did not attend classes because of lack of transportation.

All eight Montreal Island school boards said they do not plan to close schools during the strike but reported no plans for alternative means of transportation.

Apart from the Lakeshore School Board and Baldwin-Cartier School Commission on the West Island — which the MUCTC doesn't serve — school boards reported significant absentee rates of up to 30 per cent at secondary schools.

Most elementary schools use private bus services to transport pupils and were not affected by the strike.

TALKS RESUME

Meanwhile, negotiations with mediator Roger Pilotte for the common front of MUCTC mechanics, office workers and cashiers — all members of the Syndicat du Transport — resumed yesterday and are scheduled to continue through the weekend with discussion on salary demands not yet started.

The National Assembly labor committee — which reconvened Thursday in its bid to settle the dispute — gave Pilotte until Tuesday to submit his final report on the mediation talks.

Premier Robert Bourassa said Thursday the government "will have to take the necessary measures" to end the strike if mediations don't resolve the conflict, but the premier added it was too early to say whether back-to-work legislation would be enacted.

MUCTC chairman Lawrence Hanigan said he expects a lengthy strike "if the government doesn't intervene or if the union doesn't radically change its demands."

Both sides say they are waiting for the other party to make the first move in changing its position.

UNEMPLOYMENT

In the city, MUC Police Sgt. Andre Laurendeau reported heavy rush hour traffic but "not as bad" as during the 12-day transit shutdown last month which caused unprecedented traffic snarls.

Sgt. Laurendeau said police were being lenient with illegally parked vehicles on secondary roads except cars in front of no stopping zones, fire hydrants and garage entrances.

Meanwhile, Hanigan said he has made arrangements to allow the 3,400 bus and Metro drivers — who are not receiving regular pay cheques during the strike — to get unemployment insurance.

Hanigan said he will not allow the bus drivers to work for the strike's duration because of reported intimidation and sabotage Thursday by common front workers.

Members of the Syndicat du Transport locals affiliated with the Confederation of National Trade Unions are seeking an average 40-per-cent wage increase in a one-year contract, while the commission is offering a 23-per-cent raise over two years.

The provincial government last September intervened in a 44-day illegal walkout by the 1,700 mechanics which halted Metro service while supervisory personnel carried out maintenance work on buses.

Extra English lessons drafted for Le Royer

By Gazette—CP

Quebec Education Minister Jerome Choquette said yesterday his department has worked out a solution to defuse the controversy over the refusal to admit Italian-immigrant children to English-language schools in east-end St. Leonard.

Choquette said in an interview the provincial government intends to provide funds to institute an additional 45 minutes a day of English lessons for students forced to attend French-language schools of the Jerome Le Royer School Commission.

The minister said the $250,000 program is aimed primarily at solving the dispute between the commission and parents of 182 Italian children in St. Leonard over application of regulations of the Official Language Act.

A St. Leonard parents teachers group last night indicated the proposal was not warmly received. The group did not immediately reject the plan, but agreed to study it.

These children have been channelled into French-language schools despite having passed English proficiency tests because of a quota placed on the growth of English-language schools based upon last year's enrolment figures.

Choquette said the children still must attend French-language schools but, under the program, will be taught English as a second language in the daily 45-minute lessons.

MEETING

The program will be available to all first-year students in French schools of the Le Royer commission, he said, and it will be in addition to English lessons which now form part of the regular curriculum in the schools.

The minister said he re-

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Point one-There will be no discrimination. Two-No crime. Three-No unemployment!'

Hearst held without bail; wants to go home: Lawyer

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP-UPI) — A federal judge ordered yesterday that Patricia Hearst be held without bail for now but said he would hear arguments whether the heiress is likely to flee if released.

As her parents looked on, Hearst returned to a courtroom for the second time since she and three fellow radicals were captured Thursday.

She listened calmly as U.S. Court Judge Oliver Carter told her he felt there was a serious question about whether she presented a "flight risk" if granted bail.

'TORTURE POST'

Hearst had faced bail of $1.5 million on a variety of state and federal charges. Her lawyer had said he would seek a reduction of that amount and held out hope that she might be released by evening.

In making the decision, Carter said he particularly noted the plight of Hearst's parents, denounced by their daughter more than a year ago as "pigs."

"Any of us who have been parents ourselves know what this means on the heartstrings," the judge said. "It's putting them on the torture post."

The 21-year-old newspaper heiress, wearing the same knit blouse and oversized tinted glasses she wore at her arraignment the day before, listened without show of emotion as the judge told her lawyer:

"If you can convince me that she can be released, then I'm willing to release her."

But he indicated that would take strong evidence.

"In this case, we have a person who has announced to the world with others their revolution against the system," he said. "They said it to the world and then punctuated it with gunfire."

U.S. attorney James Browning said that shortly after she was captured Thursday, Hearst gave her occupation as "an urban guerrilla" when booked into jail. The prosecutor pointed out she had a 38-calibre pistol in her purse at time of arrest. He added two carbines were in a closet in her flat.

WILLIAM HARRIS
... hearing set

While Hearst sat demurely at the counsel table, her lawyer Terence Hallinan said his client was "most anxious to go home." He said no hard feelings existed between her and her family.

U.S. marshals escorted Hearst from the courtroom after the hearing. Her parents followed, apparently to have a meeting with their daughter.

Before appearing in court, Hearst spoke to her parents. They gave her a white orchid and bouquet of yellow roses.

She leaned her head on her father's shoulder, it was reported. He kissed her forehead.

William Harris and his wife Emily — Hearst's comrades in the Symbionese Liberation Army — were ordered held on $500,000 bail each. Sept. 26 was set for a preliminary hearing for them.

Wendy Yoshimura, who was captured with Hearst, was arraigned in Alameda County Superior Court on charges of illegal possession of explosives, destructive devices and a machinegun. Bail was set at $250,000.

Capture no fluke: Page 10.

2 held in Dorval drug probe

By EDDIE COLLISTER
of The Gazette

The RCMP has arrested two men and holds warrants for two others in connection with a major narcotics smuggling operation at Montreal International Airport.

A source close to the investigation identified those arrested as Ronald "Ronnie" Fewtrell, 41, a former police officer, who gave his occupation as "salesman," and Robert McLone, a BOAC freight supervisor.

The pair were arraigned before Sessions Court Judge Andre Chaloux on charges of conspiracy to import, importing and possession for the purposes of trafficking of 100 pounds of hashish.

McLone was granted bail of $15,000 while Fewtrell was ordered detained pending a bail application Monday.

The others named in the indictment, but still at large, were identified as Anthony Guiol, 28, unemployed, and Gordon Thomas Albert, 36, a

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Ontario recounts loom

Who's opposition now?

TORONTO — (CP) — While the unofficial count from Thursday's provincial election gave Stephen Lewis the most opposition seats, the Ontario NDP leader is not yet the opposition leader.

Lewis led home a group of 38 members, up from 20 at dissolution, while Liberal leader Robert Nixon tallied 36 seats. But pending the possibility of recounts, Lewis does not have the position sewn up.

In the Toronto riding of Downsview, New Democrat Odoardo di Santa was placed ahead of Liberal Mike Spensieri, and lawyer Spensieri said yesterday he intends to appeal for a judicial recount and a new election under the controverted elections procedures, a process not used since 1929.

Should the Liberal displace the New Democrat, it would leave those parties in the House all square at 37-37 and set up a political conundrum for the new speaker to solve. The practice is for the speaker, after he is selected by the House, to recognize the head of the largest non-government group as official opposition leader. **Federal Liberals in jeopardy — page 9.**

School crime prompts security

By BARBARA YAFFE
of The Gazette

In a bid to curb vandalism, theft and drug-peddling in Montreal Catholic School Commission (MCSC) high schools, a pilot project enforcing a tight security system will be put into effect this year in a Rosemount high school.

Issuing identity cards to students will be included in the system.

The project, accepted by MCSC commissioners Thursday, follows studies pegging the yearly cost of vandalism in MCSC high schools at nearly $1 million.

The security measures will be installed at Ecole Pere Marquette this month, with the hiring of seven security officers to be stationed at doors and the issuing of student identity cards stipulating their scheduled classes.

"Putting someone in a school who has the authority to make arrests does not create a positive learning milieu for students," said commissioner Cecile Poissant during the one-hour debate sparked by the issue.

SHORT-TERM ANSWER

Security proposals were adopted after it was agreed security guards would apprehend outside intruders and not members of the student body, would not have the power to make arrests and would be stationed only at the exterior of school entrances.

Commissioners also specified the project was to be considered a "short-term answer," with plans for further studies to be taken in all schools.

"The problem is particularly critical at schools like Pere Marquette, where there are many entrances and tunnels," said a commission spokesman.

"In the past few years we've seen broken windows, stolen and destroyed articles, arson, flooding, plugging of keyholes with gum and blockage of sink and shower drains."

The security system at the Rosemount school, with a student population of 2,300, consisted of two officers but was found to be ineffective.

A study last year concluded tighter patrol measures were needed to provide a climate conducive to teaching, moral protection, security for staff and students and a means to curtail theft and vandalism.

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